

### Blackout Following Coast Shelling Delays Residents at Ventura

Caught for four hours and 20 minutes in the blackout that was ordered from Goleta south to Carpinteria as result of the Japanese submarine shelling of a refinery near Goleta, Mrs. E. J. Hosking of 2015 Gramercy ave., Torrance, and Mrs. R. Ludke and children, Bill and Ada, of Harbor City were in the midst of the excitement Monday night.

They were returning from San Francisco where they had visited friends and relatives over the holiday weekend and were stopped by the Army at Ventura because of the blackout. All civilian traffic was halted while Army trucks roared to strategic positions along the coastline with loads of men, munitions and supplies.

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### Useless Vandalism Occurs in Blackout

No thanks to the senseless person who shot out a glass partition Wednesday morning in the blackout at the Henry Matthews service station on Narbonne ave. and Pacific Coast (101 highway). Matthews had attached a cord outside the office, notified his block warden, the private patrol and police where to turn off the light without shooting it out. But nevertheless the glass and the lights were shot out.

### Petition Jap Ban in City

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 ancestry on the west coast but is broad enough to cover all residents of the nation.

The President's authorization did not specify the military areas to be prescribed by the Secretary of War, leaving that question to the discretion of the Secretary and his military commanders.

Federal authorities have announced that additional restricted zones will be created Saturday. The State Civilian Defense Council and Attorney-General Warren are well acquainted with the Torrance situation and it is likely the Federal agencies have conferred with the Council and Warren concerning boundaries of the new restricted zones.

City officials affiliated with the California League of Municipalities—and Torrance is a member of that organization—went on record at their Fresno party recently as favoring the expulsion of all Japanese, citizens and aliens alike, from the state. The Los Angeles county board of supervisors has likewise announced approval of plans to eliminate alien Japanese from all combat zones.

### Walteria Protests Japanese Influx

The Walteria defense committee this week sent letters to Governor Olson and the P. E. I., protesting removal of their community from Terminal Island of Japanese families, four of whom are said to be using the Shinto shrine and school building on Ward st. for living quarters.

The defense committee met Monday night and mapped the course of the community's protest. In addition to objecting to Japanese moving in to communities near the coastline, the committee said it would maintain that such temporary living quarters as are being used are unsanitary.

Additional air raid wardens were appointed by the committee Monday night.

### TREES APPROVED

Carob and red eucalyptus trees, the choice of residents in the new subdivision located near the city park, are to be planted in the parkways at Park Knoll, the city council decided last night.

### Guns Roar Defense Lesson; Attack Object Still Mystery

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 or cover these constantly illuminated signs for the duration. While there was no vandalism here yesterday morning, some overzealous champion of public safety might cause damage to such markers, police pointed out.

Torrance police received a "special" alert warning last night at 7:23 o'clock. No further reports were sent and the alert was called off at 1:55 a. m. today. It is believed that the "special" signal was sent "just in case" any emergency arose as the deadline for evacuation of alien Japanese in restricted harbor district areas approached and was passed.

**MORNING STAB GETS BLITZED**  
 But what about those planes?—were they "enemy" or Army interceptors and fighters? Well, Police Chief John Stroh at a late hour today was still sticking with his impression that he saw five of them. Others said they thought they saw two. And there were some super-observers who credited their eagle-eyes with from 35 to 50. One local resident asserts he noted a blimp in the air armada.

Whatever it was or whatever they were—the object of all the Army's attention was high—about 8,000 feet or more—in the air, judging from the apex of about 30 searchlight beams that tented the area. Two separate barrages of gunfire spangled the early morning hours. A third appeared about to break loose when a brilliant light that attracted searchlights turned out to be—of all things in wartime—the calm "morning star" of the dawning new day. This natural beacon even deceived the Army's gunners, who took several bursts at it.

Civilian Defense study classes for air raid wardens, auxiliary police and firemen, first aid and other emergency services should have a record attendance from here on out. Now that the public has had a free show the realization has come that civilian defense is everyone's business.

**TWO LOCAL CASUALTIES**  
 Torrance can claim two casualties as result of the gunfire.

City Engineer Glenn Jahn ran into a wall at the Civic Auditorium, suffered a badly bruised and skinned nose, in his hurry to get into the Civilian Defense Control Board room during the blackout.

A more direct victim of the shooting was a Holstein cow owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. Quinn of Quim's Dairy at 808 West 220th st. She was hit on the hip by a piece of falling shrapnel. The cow, with a number of others, was stampeding around the Quinn corral when she was wounded.

First occupants of the air raid shelter in the postoffice basement were 24 men, women and children who took advantage of that sand-bagged refuge shortly after the air raid alarm sounded and stayed there until daylight. They came from surrounding apartments, hotels and from homes they believed were not safe. The postoffice shelter was opened by James T. Noall, night watchman, immediately after the alarm was sounded.

"They appeared to enjoy the postoffice's hospitality even though we did not serve any refreshments," Postmaster Earl Conner said. He inspected the shelter as soon as he could get there from his Plaza Hotel home.

"We're going to get some more chairs and tables and games to entertain any future guests we may have to accommodate," Conner said, and with the well-known Conner grin he added: "Of course, they could play an appropriate game in the shelter without any equipment during a blackout—postoffice, for instance."

### Local Japanese Nabbed; One Gets Blackout Limit

Two well-known Torrance Japanese were arrested by Gardena police and the F. B. I. during the past week. Toragushi Honda, operator of the Blue Diamond vegetable market at Carson and Western, was seized and searched in the Black Dragon roundup following the shelling of the California coast by a Japanese submarine. Honda is a brother of the late Dr. R. Honda of Moneta who was taken into custody in the roundup following the attack on Pearl Harbor and later committed suicide in his cell in the Terminal Island prison.

Thomas Isami Asaki, manager of the vegetable department at 2177 Torrance Blvd., was arrested in Wednesday morning's blackout for failure to comply with blackout regulations. He pleaded guilty and Judge Elmo Morris gave him the limit—a \$300 fine or 150 days in jail, which was later reduced to 90 days in jail, where Asaki is now confined for lack of payment of the fine.

Asaki, 26-year-old Honolulu-born Japanese, was arrested Wednesday morning in front of his home, 15514 South Western ave. The Torrance produce operator came to the mainland ten years ago from Honolulu, he told officers.

duty with full equipment except gas masks and tin hats—these are still "en route."

The Guard company is still recruiting and those desiring to join this arm of the civilian defense should call at the Torrance city hall park any time—there is a Guardman on duty there at all hours who will be glad to give full information about the service.

School children here did not get a holiday—the "all clear" sounded in time to conduct a regular session yesterday. Many parents, however, are wondering if they should send their youngsters to school when an air raid alarm extends to school time. The answer is "Definitely NO." In the first place, everyone should be off the streets during an air raid alert or blackout and the streets are no place for children at that time.

**HOME FROM VISIT**  
 Mrs. George A. Bradford, Jr., and daughter, Maurine, returned Sunday from a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montague in El Centro.

**DINNER HOSTS**  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Rufus Page entertained at dinner Sunday their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gomez, and Miss Violet Hilton.

**GUARD ON DUTY**  
 Company H of the California State Guard, Torrance and Lomita's own outfit, turned out almost to a man in response to the alarm and went on active

**CALM AT HOSPITAL**  
 Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, superintendent of Torrance Memorial hospital, reported that the 31 patients, including a six-year-old girl who had undergone a mastoid operation only a few hours before all the shooting started, suffered no ill effects of the exciting morning. All appeared to rest comfortably long before the third of six-alarms faded out. The 13 babies in the hospital nursery slept peacefully through the night, Miss Maxwell said.

Such calm reactions could not be reported about many others here, a few of whom were said to have suffered "bad cases of nerves." However, no resident required hospitalization or treatment, so far as it could be learned.

And, on the other hand, there were scores who asserted ruefully that they had "slept through the whole thing." Some appeared uncertain whether their sound sleeping was a mark of distinction or otherwise.

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### Jap Broadcast After Shelling Heard Here

Did a Japanese fifth columnist radio instructions to the enemy submarine that shelled Elwood Monday night from some point near Torrance?

Ferry G. Smith of 2304 Torrance Blvd. knows what he heard over his receiving set a few minutes after Los Angeles stations went off the air wasn't a commercial announcement in Japanese. He tuned in on the Tokyo waveband immediately after surrounding stations signed off and then: "My wife and I heard a rapid chattering in Japanese—there was no mistaking the language—and then silence. It was not being broadcast very far away because it came in clear and distinct," Smith declared.

**PENAL POPULATION**  
 Population of California institutions totaled 29,271 during January, well above the normal capacity of 26,345. The seven state mental hospitals reported 23,609 inmates during the month, which was 14.5 per cent over-crowded.

**RETURNS HOME**  
 H. A. Intermill, who has been visiting at the home of his brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Intermill returned Tuesday to his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

**KRESSE RECOVERING**  
 Otto Kresse, general superintendent of the Columbia Steel plant, is reported making a good recovery at Torrance Memorial hospital following an operation.

**AT DESERT RESORT**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy spent Tuesday and Wednesday this week at Palm Springs.

### Two Unrelated Kellys of Lomita Are Listed as Prisoners of Japs

"They also serve who only stand and wait." And it is the hard part of service and the part that usually falls to women. There are women in Lomita who are waiting, bravely and uncomplainingly, for the hoped for news that loved ones are safe.

Everybody in Lomita knows "Ma" Kelly. For years she conducted the "Lunch Bucket" on Narbonne ave. and all her patrons, young and old, told her their troubles. She and her husband, Thomas Kelly, wait at their home, 24512 Oak st., for word from Thomas Fred, their son, 33 years old.

Fred, as he is known to Lomita friends and old schoolmates, was at Wake Island on construction work when the "Yellowjackets" stung. Fred served eight years in the Navy after finishing school, he went to Wake Island last August. No word has been received from him since war began but his name is listed among the prisoners taken by the Japs.

Scn Plans to Enlist  
 Fred's folks are not Irish. They came from the Isle of Man and everybody knows that Manxmen are tough as marines when you tread on their rights.

George Kelly, brother of Mrs. Frank Andrews of 26345 Narbonne, is Irish, 47 years old, and lived for some time in Lomita with his sister and her husband. He left for Wake Island July 7 and is now reported a prisoner of the Japs. He has four children, Byran, Dolores, Bernard and Elsie, living in Seattle.

Recently Bernard, who is 15, came to Lomita with friends to find out if any word had been received from his father. He returned to Seattle, vowing to enlist as soon as he is old enough.

Kept News From Mother  
 For Mrs. Andrews and her brothers and sisters, the worry about George Kelly has had an added strain, for during the last illness before the recent death of their mother they kept from

**GETS VACATION**  
 Alvin K. Hill, city bus driver, was granted his request for a two weeks' vacation, March 2 to 16, by the city council Tuesday night although the Civil Service Commission reported city employees' vacations must be by the May to October period according to the rules.

**VISIT IN SOUTH GATE**  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lock and daughter Barbara were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jones at South Gate.

Nor does George Kelly know that his mother is gone.

The defense of Wake Island is already history and the reason it was such a struggle for a great number of Japs to take that little island was because there were too many fellows of the Kelly stripe there.

Another Patient Walter  
 And with the same courage the folks of the Kellys in Lomita are following their daily

tastes, as always with a kind word for everybody, a helping hand. They are Americans with the faith of the founders of this country that decency and right will finally and surely prevail.

And in the Thomas Kelly home is another patient Walter, Mrs. Richard Langlois, their daughter, whose husband is with the Pacific Fleet and whose letters are few and far between.

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